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WASHINGTON.

Yesterday's Proceedings in Congress.

First Meeting of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

An Attempt to be Made to Change the Complexion of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committe.

Movement Looking to a General Amnesty for Political Offences.

Pacific Coast Congressmen Working in the Interest of Commissioner Wilson.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs have not as yet organized, but will do so to-morrow. The President's message referred to it in person. Some of the Presidents wish for the appointment of a commission to go to San Domingo and investigate the question of annexation. A bad time for such a proposition will be met with unanimous and probably reported favorably.

APPOINTMENTS BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Hoar has not opportunities allowing to mention the work of examining and preparing the details of appointments, but will be ready to begin work in earnest immediately after the holidays.

REFUSED COMMITTEE CHANGE.

It is stated on good authority that an attempt will be made to change the complexion of the Foreign Relations Committee by the removal of Senator Conkling for Senator Patterson thereon. This movement is said to originate with the present Senator's foreign policy on the part of certain Senators and the administration. It does not appear, however, that the movement will be successful, as Mr. Conkling is said to be unwilling to be changed in the change is personal in.

POSTAL BILL.

The House worked quietly most of to-day, for a while, at in Committee of the Whole, on the Postal bill, reported at the last session. Mr. Hill, of New Jersey, in charge of the bill, explained the provisions of the same, that the House was lengthy against him. The House memory Postmaster-General, Mr. Creswell, and the usefulness of using the mail for such purposes was affirmed, also, that it was found to be self-sustaining as a penalty. Mr. Sargent, of California, attempted to have gift concerts struck from the list of mailable matter, but was defeated. Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, offered an amendment, which was also defeated, providing a motion by Mr. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices, to strike out the section exempting from postage the section authorizing that privilege, and providing for supplying members of Congress with envelopes, and also the section which fixes the rate of postage for documents and speech or, and $100 worth of letter postage, the amount of postage for documents and speeches to be charged to the Treasury Department and collected from the annual appropriation for incidental expenses.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Shortly before the adjournment of the House a message in writing and accompanied by a letter from the President, and with the seal unbroken underneath the Speaker's table. What were its contents is a mystery to members.

NATIONAL SURPLUS BILL.

There are on the table of the Speaker of the House a number of bills, all of which have come from the Senate. There are $1 to relieve of those graphs are for the purpose of relieving it the surplus in the Treasury. One of these bills asks for the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to use one of the vessels of steam vessels in addition to surveying for, and laying down, the cable, and the navy and naval forces are directed to furnish the necessary men for the expedition.

NOMINATIONS.

The President has not yet sent in any nominations, but will, perhaps, to-day. The names of Hylton of the Senate Committees. The friends of Governor Clafflin, the ex-Collector, other appointments, as the latter is reported that there are no more offices in the gift of the Government.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following bills were introduced and temporarily laid on the table:

By Mr. ANTHONY—To encourage and promote the establishment of a line of steamships between the United States and Europe.

By Mr. CASSERLY—To amend the act to provide for the payment of certain claims of the State of California, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WILSON—To secure the eligibility of Armed officers to appointment as Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. CASSERLY—To amend the provisions of the Bankruptcy act of March 2, 1867, by striking out the words "and" from the fifth clause of section two; and so as to restore the jurisdiction of the District Courts in bankruptcy.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. CONKLING submitted a resolution directing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of the militia in any case requiring their services by the United States.

WORK ON THE CALENDAR.

It was agreed to make the calendar the order of the day for Thursday next, and that bills not objected to should be taken up in their order as they stood on the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 12:30, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MEMBER QUALIFIED.

John Mullins, member elect from the Fourth District of North Carolina, appeared and took his seat this morning.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. SHELLABARGER—To amend the act of March 3, 1869, relating to Consuls.—To amend the act of March 3, 1869, relating to Consuls.

By Mr. LYNCH—To provide for the gradual redemption of the public debt.

By Mr. NEWSHAM—To authorize the Cincinnati Southern Railway Company to construct a railroad over navigable rivers, that cross the Ohio to be constructed under the supervision of a board of engineers to be appointed by the President, and such plans and location must be approved by the Secretary of War.

By Mr. McNEELY—To abolish the Freedmen's Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions were offered as follows:

By Mr. BUTLER—Requesting the Secretary of State for information relative to the alleged imprisonment of citizens of the United States in Cuba.

By Mr. MUNGEN—Directing that passage of the Senate bill to provide for the payment of certain claims of citizens of Kentucky, and for other purposes, be made the order of business on Thursday next, and from day to day thereafter until disposed of.

By Mr. MILLS—Instructing the Postmaster-General to report to the House the number of postal cards issued.

Mr. FARNSWORTH offered an amendment declaring the franking privilege to be a curse, and a fraud, and that it ought to be abolished, and that the Committee on Post Offices, one copy to each actual subscriber, and that the Committee on Post Offices be instructed to report a bill to that effect forthwith.

Mr. FARNSWORTH called for the previous question on his amendment.

Mr. BUTLER moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. FARNSWORTH called for the yeas and nays on the motion to lay on the table, and they were ordered.

The amendment was decided—yeas, 91; nays, 87.

The House, at three o'clock, adjourned.

THE WEST.

Political Items—Meeting of the Tennessee Legislature—Successful Gubernatorial Struggles.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

YANKTON, D. T., Dec. 6.—Governor Burleigh has completed from Sioux City to the shore, and is now in Yankton.

The first number of the YANKTON Daily Press was issued to-day. It will be continued, at least, for the session of the Legislature.

The Legislature organized to-day. Charles Dale, late Secretary of the Territory, was elected President. Joseph Wald, Chaplain.

The Council has not yet organized. There is a close race for the office of President. It will probably be organized to-morrow.

NASHVILLE.

The Legislature of New Mexico in Session—Governor's Message—Its Legality—Rich Silver Mines Discovered.

SANTA FE, N. M., Monday, Dec. 5.—Both Houses of the New Mexican Legislature are in session, and the Governor's message has been read. It is very interesting and numerous, and it can be done to-day. The Governor says that the Legislature has no power to act by the Governor's message, and nearly all the members of the Legislature have come to the same conclusion. The appropriations provided for by the laws of Congress are sufficient for the expenses of the Legislature, and nearly all the members of the Legislature have come to the same conclusion. The appropriations provided for by the laws of Congress are sufficient for the expenses of the Legislature, and nearly all the members of the Legislature have come to the same conclusion.

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LONDON.

English Politics and the Russian Question.

Mr. Gladstone's Sympathy with France.

The Kidnaping Mystery Exonerated.

The Baltic Newspapers and the War.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Capitulation of Strasbourg and Phalsbourg.

Capitulation of Soissons and Montmedy.

Paris is Calm and Confident.

Preparations for Another Sortie.

Reported Movement of Bourbaki's Army.

Bombardment of Belfort Again Expected.

Operations of the Army of the Loire.

THE SITUATION.

Paris's Letter on Strasbourg.

The Assembling of Congress.

WASHINGTON.

THE NORTHWEST

NEW AIR-LINE RAILROAD FROM OMAHA TO NEW YORK

A Proposition made by Responsible Parties.

ASTORIA FOR THE DEFENDANT OF VAN.

Proceedings of the Second Day.

THE MURDER OF CHARLES ADAMS.

Testimony of Witnesses and Confessions of Prisoners.

Full Report of the Coroner's Inquest.

MR. TYLER SUED.

The Bloomington Sewerage Scheme.

Interesting Meeting of Property Owners.

Another Meeting Appointed for Next Week.

Proposed Amendments to the Sewerage Ordinance.

Other Matters Considered.

Meeting of the Board of Education.

Reports of Committees.

Bills Allowed.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

LONDON.

English Politics and the Russian Question.

Mr. Gladstone's Sympathy with France.

The Edinburg Review Essay.

The English Newspapers and the War.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Nov. 25.

The political world of England is in a state of considerable uneasiness. The doubt begins to grow, that the loss of Prussia as an ally will be a serious embarrassment. Germany will be a source of anxiety to the rulers here in the case of Europe, and her rulers have no real friendship for England. The position of the average English public since politics, who likes "to be on the winning side," who is ready at any time to accommodate his profession to the fluctuations in European affairs, is one of considerable embarrassment. Within the first week of the war almost unknown to the public, a change of sentiment took place in favor of Germany. Her victories, her military system, her patient, steady, and thorough preparation, her solid strength, and the wisdom of her statesmen, all commanded admiration. Then came the Sedan disaster, and the capture of the Emperor, and the sympathies of the people went with a rush to the side of the French Republic. They are never guided in their political opinions by reason, but by the most superficial impressions, by a flash argument, by the ephemeral declamations which move the many of those who are always there. Now, therefore, that the popular tenor, the national French and German songs are sung, and the Marseillaise carries it in a public street,

"Views at No. 4 A. Smith."

By the statement by what tobacco approximately consumed. Russia is engaged in going on to the screen. England has lost France, and after the war she is likely to lose Germany, will be in her 5 years if United States. It is not to be wondered at, that the people are in a state of bewilderment. Their newspapers, their leaders, their statesmen, have been all set up and down as they have been in the habit of saying that Constantinople was the very key to the route of the Emperor Nicholas. Oh! that we had supported Prussia in its time! Oh! that we had not been a party to the cutting down of even a single pair of the old school. It is too late now. France will be, if for nothing for years to come, a cipher. Germany is not to be cajoled. They are with France—but not with the Empire. They are with the Republic. Republican France will be more wounded by the language of the Tory papers, at one moment, than by the cannon of Bismarck, and the language of the Tory papers, at one moment, is for the time being the language of the Tory rulers. At one moment, is for the time being the language of the Tory rulers. At one moment, is for the time being the language of the Tory rulers. At

THE LAW COURTS.

Counsel a French—Liability of Real Estate Brokers.

The Chief Patent Office of an International Reputation.

Punishment of Chicago Against Municipal Officials.

Supreme Court of Illinois.

Appeals from the Superior Court of Chicago.

Thursday, Dec. 6.—Present, Justices Scott, Sheldon, D. L. Lawrence, Craig, Walker, Dickey and Mulkey.

Alfred Sweet, Appellant, vs. Jessie A. Sweet, Appellee. Appeal from the Superior Court of Chicago. This was an action of divorce, brought by the wife against her husband, on the ground of extreme and repeated cruelty. The defendant answered, denying the charges, and filed a cross-bill, charging the complainant with adultery. The cross-bill was dismissed, and the case was heard upon the original bill and answer. The Court found the charges of cruelty sustained, and granted a decree of divorce to the complainant, and alimony in the sum of $2,000. The defendant appeals. Affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Craig.

Henry Carter, Appellant, vs. Hiram Hamilton, Appellee. Appeal from the Superior Court of Cook County. This was an action of assumpsit, brought by the appellee against the appellant, to recover the sum of $1,000, alleged to be due upon a promissory note. The defendant pleaded the general issue, and a trial by jury resulted in a verdict and judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed. The defendant appeals. Affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Craig.

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William A. Trusdell et al., Appellees, vs. Thomas Dewey et al., Appellants. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County. This was a bill in equity, filed by the appellees against the appellants, to foreclose a mortgage executed by the latter to the former. The defendants answered, denying the charges, and filed a cross-bill, charging the complainants with usury in the transaction. The cross-bill was dismissed, and the case was heard upon the original bill and answer. The Court found the charges of the bill sustained, and granted a decree of foreclosure, and appointed a master to sell the property. The defendants appeal. Affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Craig.

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